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Filed: October 3, 2000 Examiner: Aaron J. Lewis  
Title: FIBROUS FILTRATION FACE MASK HAVING A NEW  
UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUID VALVE

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.313(c)(2)  
TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
IN A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

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**PATENT ISSUE FEE**

The issue fee for this case was paid on September 30, 2004.

**REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST**

The reason for withdrawal from issue of this application is for consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement in a Request for Continued Examination.

**FILING OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 is being submitted via facsimile with this petition. The RCE Transmittal paper and Information Disclosure Statement are attached.

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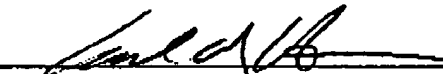
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